

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

COMPLAINT OF CHRISTOPHER S. SEARCY

Docket No. C2021-2

**MOTION OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE OF ITS RULE 3023.11(a) REPORT**
(October 5, 2021)

The United States Postal Service respectfully moves for late acceptance of its Rule 3023.11(a) Report (“Report”) as follows.

On August 5, 2021, Christopher S. Searcy (“Complainant”), filed his Complaint against the Postal Service pursuant to 39 U.S.C. § 3662(a) alleging that the Postal Service unlawfully suspended mail service to his front porch mailbox due to the risk to mail carriers posed by his unrestrained “large German Shepard-Great Pyrenees mixed breed dog” roaming his yard.

On August 9, 2021, the Commission *sua sponte* referred the Complaint to the rates and service inquiry procedures. In accordance with the Commission’s referral order and Rule 3023.11(a), the Postal Service was required to submit a status report to the Commission by September 23, 2021.

Due to a misunderstanding among personnel following referral of this matter to the rates and services inquiry procedures, the Postal Service believed that it had timely complied with the filing requirement when its September 23, 2021, letter to the Complainant reporting on the status of the inquiry was copied to the Commission. (A copy of the Postal Service’s September 23, 2021, letter is attached to the Report.) The

misunderstanding came to light on October 4, 2021, when the Commission requested an update. The Postal Service prepared and filed its Report the following business day.

The Postal Service regrets and apologizes for this misunderstanding and the accompanying delay but submits that, since the principal September 23, 2021, report letter was sent to the Complainant, no party has been prejudiced by the late docketing of the Report.

Respectfully submitted,

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